

Council Minutes at the Community Centre Thursday May 26 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present: C.Brewer, M.Skerrett, J.Houston, T.W.Jones, Liz Roberts, E.R.Noble, M.Chapman, Tecwyn Jones, C.Roberts.

Minutes. Council Minutes 3.3.2016, confirmed, proposed by L.Roberts, seconded M.Skerrett.

Police. The 'Community Speed Watch' leaflet was discussed, C.Roberts stated that taking part in the scheme could cause problems and possible danger to users, M.Skerrett confirmed that Pentrefoelas had trialled the scheme but gave up. Would it be an idea to place a copy of the leaflet on the Community Council stand at the Carnival to gauge local views? Clerk confirmed that the 'Go Safe' vehicle had visited the village recently and PCSO P Gales had also visited trialling the 'speed gun'. Another accident had occurred at Bertheos Bridge.

The A470. Reply from I.Tegid suggested contacting the new Highways Minister K.Skates for a response (Capel Curig Council are also in contact with him). Message from Dylan Owen on behalf of M.Owen at CCBC regarding the very bright street light at 14 Castle Terrace and a visit to the village, Clerk has contacted him seeking a suitable date. Tecwyn Jones was concerned about cars parking dangerously, roadside in the Granllyn area, Clerk to report this to I.Tegid.

County Council. Clerk to remind B.Shiland CCBC about the maintenance programme for 2016/17 to ensure that attention will be given to the problems at the River Bridge and the walls leading up to the bridge. M.Skerrett noted damage to a wall at Plas Bridge leaving it in a dangerous state, Clerk to report this to the ERF Dept at CCBC.

Footpaths. Clerk to contact ERF Conwy again regarding repair work at llwybyr cul.

Station site. Nothing to report regarding 20mph signs near Dolwyddelan School. The general feeling was that it was doubtful whether any use could be made of the land near the Station. Liz Roberts is confident the recycling bins will be retained. Clerk to make contact with M.Lawton.

Hydro Scheme. Agreed that the Public Meeting was a success and even 'though there were around 50 there M.Skerrett was disappointed that more hadn't attended. It was felt that it would be beneficial to the Community Council to meet with the officials prior to the next public meeting, Liz Roberts to arrange. E.R.Noble stated it was important to ensure that the issues raised on the night should be considered and replied to by S.Teale. M.Skerrett felt it was vital that the community at large should receive information about the project, Liz Roberts confirmed that S.Teale has this in hand and intends to distribute regular newsletters to clarify this. It was intended to display an Information Board regarding the project at the Carnival.

Financial. Clerk confirmed balances and supplied Members with a detailed financial report.

Village History. Llinos Griffin had contacted Mrs Georgina Jones but she has important visits arranged but will arrange a date following these visits. Llinos has arranged to interview Mrs Catherine Thomas at the beginning of June and will then contact Council with an update/report.

'Odd job' Post. Paul and Shaun, Jane, and Peter and David Wright, Prince Llywelyn Terrace will maintain the planters B.Borzelo has paid for at the Dolwyddelan gateway signs – K.Jones CCBC has arranged to remove the old wooden framework near the signs. Helen Hardy, Elen's Castle Hotel has offered to pay for flowers for the planters along the A470 in the village, the 'grass' in them has been trimmed and E.Roberts will plant new flowers in them in the near future.

Village Surgery/Ffestiniog Hospital. Clerk has met with Dr.T.Parry, two of the Doctors hold the lease on the building, no plans for it at the present time. Liz Roberts suggested contacting Gary Doherty to inquire about a possible ‘Community Asset Transfer’.

BT Cabinet near Bethel Chapel. Clerk reported on the information he had obtained regarding ‘camouflage’ for the cabinet. It was felt that the cost of this was excessive.

Recycle More. The Dolwyddelan area is well up the CCBC recycling table, Clerk to forward the details to Members. Liz Roberts confirmed that CCBC will be trialling emptying bins every 4 weeks in some areas and moving to collect every 3 weeks from the beginning of July. This is for the black bins only, the recycling for the food bins will continue on a weekly basis. A report in the Daily Post on May 12<sup>th</sup> reported these details. The CCBC Recycling Dept are arranging an Environment Day at Dolwyddelan on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, they will be distributing flyers to confirm this.

Tree Harvesting. P.Lloyd had sent a message to Mrs Jones-Artell and to the Council explaining the situation, he was asking if there was a possibility of narrowing the entering the forest window, currently 7:30am – 9:30am. On behalf of the company he said that this was causing them some difficulty and they would like to work with the community to seek an agreeable alternative. He also attached a copy of the H&S & method statement for the drivers. Tecwyn Jones understood that the company are anxious for each lorry to reach the mill with 2 loads a day. Tai Glan Gors residents are to be congratulated for accepting the situation ‘though one ‘incident’ has taken place. Mrs Jones-Artell had confirmed she would be prepared to accept a reduction to 08:00 – 09:15am, Members were also happy with this, Clerk to confirm with P.Lloyd. It was agreed that shutting the gate to the forest and adhering to the 15mph limit were important. Clerk to contact the CCBC Dept and E.Stevens again regarding a temporary ‘no parking’ sign at the waste land on High Street, on the right at the approach to Tai Glan Gors.

Salt gritting. Letter from Lisa Madden from CCBC explained that they are proposing to introduce a Salt Bag Partnership scheme which would mean that Conwy would deliver a tonne of bagged salt to an area free of charge then the local Council would have to organise a scheme to utilise the salt. The local Council would be responsible for arranging storage space for the salt but CCBC may be able to support this? Many Members expressed concerns along the lines mentioned previously when this was raised – who would volunteer, health & safety, adequate storage, arrangements, there was no firm proposal. Clerk to inquire what would happen if a Council didn’t want to sign up to the scheme?

Federalisation of Schools. It was understood that the new arrangements should come into force in October. Interest declared by Liz Roberts, T.W.Jones and E.R.Noble.

Visit. Cara Lynn hopes to attend the Carnival and the Fun Day to discuss and to get the voice of the community on various community issues she is involved with.

Local Walks. Clerk has contacted M.Grant from NRW but has not yet had a response.

Donations. Thank you letters received from the 5 Organisations who were sent a £100 donation.

Stream Ty Isaf field. Understood that clearing work has been completed.

Centenary Fields. Fact sheet leaflet received outlining the project, various comments made but no real interest nor definite proposal to partake, Clerk will retain the leaflet.

### **Election of Officials 2016/17**

Clerk had listed the current officials, Council Election will be held in May 2017. E.R.Noble proposed with Liz Roberts seconding, that the officials and sub-committee's should remain as they are, unanimously agreed. J.Houston proposed with M.Skerrett seconding that Teleri W Jones be proposed to continue as a member of the School Governing Body, unanimously agreed.

### **Cemetery Charges**

Clerk had obtained details of charges from 3 Councils and prepared a comparison table for discussion. Detailed discussion followed with M.Chapman suggesting that casket burial charges be discussed, T.W.Jones proposed with M.Chapman seconding that casket burial be increased to £120 and a new charge for casket burial for those outside the village of £300, unanimously agreed. E.R.Noble proposed with C.Roberts seconding that the other charges remain, all agreed.

Walk For Life Wales Kidney research. M.Chapman was thanked for arranging the May 29<sup>th</sup> walk.

Tree Harvesting. Information from Redrock Forestry relating to their intention to harvest wood at Garnedd noted.

Inconsiderate Parking. Information from Councillor D.Cowans CCBC confirmed they intend to penalise drivers for inconsiderate parking, this was welcomed.

SNP planning meetings. Meeting dates information distributed.

Audit. Information received relating to the Annual Audit.

### **Planning applications**

Siting solar panels at Gwyndy – No information

Ty Isaf Hydro Scheme – No information

Appeal Tŷ Nain – Appeal allowed, letter received from the owners thanking Council for their support.

Dolwyddelan School – Allowed

Tanyfron – Application refused

Mur Coch - Allowed

New applications:

14 Castle Terrace – No objections nor observations

Nant yr Haf Roman Bridge – As for the previous application, no objections nor comments

Bills. Community Centre £30; CCBC Skip hire £222; Zurich Insurance £251.85; Transfer Cemetery account £500; Caretaker April £341.66. Bills for payment proposed M.Skerrett, seconded E.R.Noble. Clerk to discuss translation at the Public Hydro meeting with the company.

Flooding. Clerk confirmed he had met with H.Keeble, who was in the village on behalf of CCBC to obtain information about the flooding which occurred in the area. He had taken him to various areas which were affected and sent him a copy of J.Houston's related comments.

Visit by the Gwynedd Rural Housing Enabler. Meeting arranged with A. Hughes, V.Kelly and R.Thomas from SNP for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, Chair and Clerk will attend.

Roman Bridge. E.R.Noble noted that the wall at Pont Sarn Ddu is in a dangerous condition and that there are deep potholes in the road at Ty Capel Dinas, Clerk to inform the ERF Dept.

Date of next Council: Thursday July 7th 2016 at 7pm.

